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[1](#)1. (U) Acting Political Counselor joined Australian Charge d'Affaires for an October 27 demarche on Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Executive Director for Asian and Pacific Affairs Charles Jose to request that the Philippines support a statement condemning the North Korean nuclear test at the upcoming ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Support Group in Indonesia.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Jose noted that both President Arroyo and Foreign Secretary Romulo had made strong public statements regarding

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the North Korean test, but said the DFA was still holding internal consultations regarding the upcoming meeting in Batam. He promised to take the US and Australian views into account during these discussions. Jose stated he would head the Philippine delegation for the November 1-3 talks in Indonesia.

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